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Applicant(s): Wieslaw JEDYNSKI et al.
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Attorney Docket: 32860-000985/US

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April 7, 2006

Sir:

In the above-identified application, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on February 15, 2006 (copy attached w/stamped postcard).

Two of the references submitted (DE 29817370-U1 and DE 20106297-U1) were not in English. Therefore, Applicants submit herewith an English abstract for each reference, and thus request the Examiner's consideration of the same. An updated PTO-1449 form is attached.

As a first Office Action has not yet been issued, no fees are believed to be necessary.

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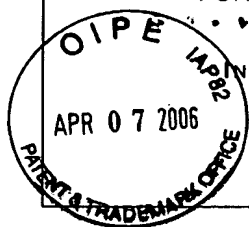
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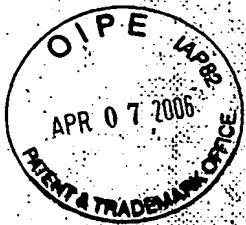
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information submitted for consideration by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. ☐ Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed, other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications unless required by the Office; (iii) for each cited pending unpublished U.S. application listed below in Section IV, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. ☐ Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form PTO-1449 or on the copies of Form PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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C. ☒ Because the present application was/is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i). Any foreign patent documents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

D. ☐ This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. Since the International Search Report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g))

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. ☐ Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

B. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of each patent, publication or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)):

1. ☐ See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:
2. ☒ English abstract is provided for: EP 0549370 A2, and DE 19844695.
3. ☒ Other: ISR dated 11/04/2004

C. ☒ The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

Please note that the Applicants previously cited some of the references, in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the original application papers on January 24, 2006; however, because the Applicants did not originally provide copies (since it is a PCT National Stage Application), Applicants again are citing and filing these documents, as well as others, for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants also enclose a German Office Action from a counterpart application.

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does(do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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- B. ☐ no item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this IDS was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2)).
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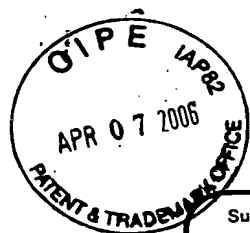
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		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
	1	US -5,632,643	05-27-1997	Tronomed, Inc.	
	2	US- 6,126,474	10-03-2000	Molex Incorporated	
	3	US- 5,328,288	07-12-1994	Yazaki Corporation	
	4	US- 5,312,268	05-17-1994	Tatsuya Sumida	
	5	US- 6,102,727	08-15-2000	The Whitaker Corporation	
	6	US- 5,186,645	02-16-1993	Molex Incorporated	
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	7	DE 198 44 695 A1	04-01-1999	The Whitaker Corp.		
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	9	DE 298 17 370 U1	03-18-1999	Leopold, Horst		
	10	EP 0 549 370 A2	06-30-1993	Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.		
	11	EP 1 020 959 A2	07-19-2000	Delphi Technologies, Inc.		

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